

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN THEIR  
CAPACITIES AS TRUSTEES OF THE  
LABORERS HEALTH AND WELFARE  
TRUST FUND FOR NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVEN SCOTT SLAUSON,

Defendant.

Case No. [20-cv-05416-DMR](#)

THIRD AMENDED CASE  
MANAGEMENT AND PRETRIAL  
ORDER FOR COURT TRIAL

1. TRIAL DATE

a. Court trial shall begin on May 15, 2023 at **9:00 a.m.** at the U.S. District Court, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California. For courtroom number and floor information, please check the Court's on-line calendar at [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) one week prior to trial, or call Ivy Garcia (Judge Ryu's Courtroom Deputy) at (510) 637-3639.

b. The length of the trial will be not more than 2 days. The Court may shorten the allotted time as it deems appropriate, and may also allocate a fixed number of hours for each side. Court hours for trial normally are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., subject to the Court's availability.

2. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

The parties are ordered to participate in a **settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Thomas S. Hixson**, which shall be completed at his convenience.

3. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

a. A pretrial conference shall be held on April 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. **Lead counsel who will try the case must attend.**

b. By March 20, 2023, lead counsel shall meet and confer regarding:

- (1) Preparation and content of the joint pretrial conference statement;
- (2) Preparation and exchange of pretrial materials to be served and lodged pursuant to paragraph 5(c) below; and
- (3) Settlement of the action.

c. By March 31, 2023, counsel and/or parties shall:

- (1) Serve and file a joint pretrial statement that includes the pretrial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) as well as the following supplemental information:

(a) *The Action.*

- (i) Substance of the Action. A brief description of the substance of claims and defenses which remain to be decided.
- (ii) Relief Prayed. A detailed statement of all the relief claimed, particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be presented concerning the amount of those damages.

(b) *The Factual Basis of the Action.*

- (i) Undisputed Facts. A plain and concise statement of all relevant facts not reasonably disputable, as well as which facts parties will stipulate for incorporation into the trial record without the necessity of supporting testimony or exhibits.
- (ii) Disputed Factual Issues. A plain and concise statement of all disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.
- (iii) Agreed Statement. A statement assessing whether all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts.
- (iv) Stipulations. A statement of stipulations requested or

proposed for pretrial or trial purposes.

(c) *Disputed Legal Issues.*

Without extended legal argument, a concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability or relief, citing supporting statutes and decisions, any and procedural or evidentiary issues.

(d) *Trial Preparation.*

- (i) Witnesses to Be Called. With regard to witnesses disclosed pursuant to Federal Civil Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3)(A), a brief statement describing the substance of the testimony to be given.
- (ii) Estimate of Trial Time. An estimate of the number of hours needed for the presentation of each party's case, indicating possible reductions in time through proposed stipulations, agreed statements of facts, or expedited means of presenting testimony and exhibits.
- (iii) Use of Discovery Responses. Designate excerpts from discovery that the parties intend to present at trial, other than solely for impeachment or rebuttal, from depositions specifying the witness page and line references, from interrogatory answers, or from responses to requests for admission.

(e) *Trial Alternatives and Options.*

- (i) Settlement Discussion. A statement summarizing the status of settlement negotiations and indicating whether further negotiations are likely to be productive.
- (ii) Amendments, Dismissals. A statement of requested or proposed amendments to pleadings or dismissals of

parties, claims or defenses.

- (iii) Bifurcation, Separate Trial of Issues. A statement of whether bifurcation or a separate trial of specific issues is feasible and desired.

(f) *Miscellaneous.*

Any other subjects relevant to the trial of the action or material to its just, speedy and inexpensive determination.

- (2) Serve and file trial briefs, motions in limine (including any motion regarding the qualifications or testimony of any expert witness) and joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The findings of fact shall set forth in simple, declarative sentences, separately numbered, all factual contentions relied upon by the party in support of its claims for relief and shall be free of pejorative language and argument. Counsel shall submit separately their disputed findings of fact and conclusions of law. Counsel shall email a copy of their proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in a standard word processing format (and not .pdf format) to dmrpo@cand.uscourts.gov.
- (3) Serve and file an exhibit setting forth the qualifications and experience for each expert witness;
- (4) Serve and file a list of each party's exhibits by number (plaintiff) or letter (defendant), including a brief statement describing the substance and purpose of each exhibit and the name of the sponsoring witness;
- (5) Exchange exhibits which shall be premarked (plaintiff shall use numbers; defendant shall use letters) and tabbed; and
- (6) Deliver two sets of all prepared exhibits to chambers (exhibits are not to be filed).

No party shall be permitted to call any witness or offer any exhibit in its case in chief that is not disclosed in its pretrial statement without leave of the Court and for good cause.

1 d. By April 7, 2023, after meeting and conferring in a good faith attempt to resolve  
2 and objections, counsel and/or parties shall serve and file: (1) any objections to exhibits or to use  
3 of deposition excerpts or other discovery; (2) any objections to witnesses, including the  
4 qualifications of an expert; (3) any opposition to a motion in limine.

5 e. All motions in limine and objections shall be heard at the pretrial conference.

6 4. All documents filed with the Clerk of the Court shall list the civil case number followed  
7 only by the initials "DMR." One copy must be clearly marked as a chambers copy. Chambers'  
8 copies shall be three-hole punched at the left side, suitable for insertion into standard binders.

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10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

11 Dated: August 17, 2022

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15 United States Magistrate Judge  
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